

July 16, 2017
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. George Omwando, Pastor
Rev. John J. Carolan, Pastor Emeritus
Ms. Gail Rohmann, Music Director
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Mrs. Sharon Leamy, School Co-Principal
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Tuesday, Wednesday, & Fridays: 8:30 AM—4:30 PM
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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday - 8:30am
Word Service with Communion, Thursday, 8:30am

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Morning - 9:00am
Saturday Evening - 5:00pm
Sunday Morning - 8:30 & 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM; or by appointment.

Baptisms

Baptism of infants and young children is celebrated on the 2nd and 3rd weekends of the month. Parents are asked to attend a Baptism preparation session/class prior to the ceremony. Please call the rectory to register for the preparation and set a baptismal date.

Thoughts From Our Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we continue to enjoy these summer months and fulfilling our vacation travels, I want to share with you a brief history of our Maguire Hall which was emailed to me a couple of weeks ago. Our gym was planned and begun by Msgr. Robert C. Maguire and was going to be called Siena Hall. During construction, Monsignor died and Fr. Harry Rynard was named pastor. He followed through with the gym building but it was his decision to call the gym, not Siena Hall, but Maguire Hall. Fr. Rynard had an oil portrait painted of Msgr. Maguire and had it hung in the vestibule of the hall. The parishioners were very pleased, as Msgr. Maguire was dearly loved and he was a holy man. He had taught at Quigley Seminary before becoming pastor at St. Catherine of Siena in 1938, and prior to that had served as the Chancellor of the Archdiocese – an important job.

I think every diocese in the Catholic Church in USA has a Chancellor. A diocesan chancery is the branch of administration which handles all written documents used in the official government of a Catholic diocese. It is in the diocesan chancery that, under the direction of the bishop or his representative, all documents which concern the diocese are drawn up, copied, forwarded, and kept as a record of all official writings sent or received. The official charged with the execution of these duties is known as the diocesan chancellor. You can see that Msgr. Maguire was a great priest who did so much for the parish and the Archdiocese at large.

Today, we are enjoying the many sacrifices of those who have gone before us, and their leadership and your support to our community. It is not strange to see that in many churches across this country, the number of Mass attendance continues to decline, and our churches are growing relatively old. But who will fill the empty spaces that we see in our churches? The answer to this question is not all that difficult, it is an answer that must come from us! That we need to share our faith openly and without any hesitation, and that we must inspire the young people in our families, in our communities, on the need to go to Mass. That we must tell them that religion is not something private, that religion is a way of life, that religion is what defines us, and that we should not be afraid to show others who we are. What happened to the era of wearing religious medals around our necks, to the rosary groups, to the devotions? Has it not contributed to what we are witnessing? I think it is our responsibility to recover some of our past practices, and it is not that too late to reclaim them.

In today's first reading, for instance, Isaiah tells us that God's Word is full of power; that it will not return to Him empty. God's Word will accomplish His desires and His purposes because His Word has irresistible power. It is the Word of God that prompted those who have gone before us to build the beautiful premises that we currently use. When Jesus was on earth, He taught with words and His words had a very strong effect on people. They angered some and broke others. But when Jesus spoke, things happened.

Finally, let us welcome Sr. Margaret Nyangireici of Sisters of Our Lady of Good Counsel who, as you read in last week's bulletin, is here requesting our assistance. God bless you.

Rev. George O. Omwando

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

WE THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA-ST. LUCY PARISH, SEEK TO DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD AND TO CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE IN WORD AND SACRAMENT. BY ACCEPTING ALL INTO OUR FAMILY WE SEEK UNITY IN CHRIST AND SEEK TO PROCLAIM HIS GOOD NEWS IN THE DISCIPLESHIP OF OUR LIVES.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Parish Pastoral Council

Madonna Sloan and Joyce Wade,
Co-Chairs

Parish Finance Council

John McGuire

Spiritual Life Commission

Faith & Fellowship:

Connie Rakitan

Liturgy Committee:

Cantors: Gail Rohmann
Celebration Choir: Gail Rohmann
Praise Choir: Julius White
Greeters & Ushers: Jim Lewis

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Jeanne Visteen

Ministers of the Word:

Jeanne Visteen

Servers: TBA

Ministers of Care: Shelby Boblick
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Fr. George O. Omwando
Women's Ministry: Shelby Boblick

Human Concerns Commission

Peace & Justice Committee:

Mary and Martin Senica

Transportation Committee:

Tom Farwell

Education Commission

Baptism Com.: Fr. G. Omwando

Bible Study: Russ McCaughey

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Christine Wedekind

St. Catherine/St. Lucy School:

School Board Chair: Natasha Lee

Parish Development & Services Commission

Collection Counters: Carol Kallok

Facilities Committee: Kevin Kell,

Amanda Pomareda

Fundraising Committee:

Pat Nelson / Cynthia Weaver

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Weddings - Please contact a parish priest to set a wedding date. Allow at least 6 months for preparation.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a sacramental process, celebrated in the midst of this Faith Community. This process assists adults, as well as children over the age of 7, in learning about the Catholic Faith. Through its witness, worship, service, and teaching our Faith Community offers the invitation and support necessary for initiation into the Catholic Church.

Ministry to the Sick, Hospitalized and Shut—Ins

Please notify the Parish Office so that we can visit and minister to your confined loved-ones.

Newcomers

Please fill out a registration form after Mass, or come by the Rectory Office during the week.

Come to our Parish Picnic

Saturday, July 29, 2017. Mass will be celebrated in the Courtyard at 4:00 PM

St. Catherine—St. Lucy Parish
38 N. Austin Blvd. -
Oak Park, IL 60302



Pot Luck Picnic to follow mass. Bring your own grill and a dish to share! The Parish will provide you with water, napkins and silverware. Invite your family and friends!



Save the Date

Tuesday, July 18
White Sox Outing - OS

Saturday, July 29
Mass at 4PM Courtyard followed by Parish Picnic

Saturday, August 5
Donut Day - OS

Thursday, August 24
Night at the Races - OS

500 Club Certificates

Certificates are \$25 each and will be included in every weekly drawing from now through October 22nd, 2017. The prize each week is \$25 except for three weeks when the prize is \$500. If we sell all 500 certificates, there will be a 4th drawing for \$500. Purchase forms are available in the back of church and at the rectory. Thank you!!!

-The Fundraising Committee

TODAY Second Collection is for: Summer Mission Appeal

This weekend we welcome Sister Margaret Nyangireici of the Sisters of Our Lady of Good Counsel for this Summer Mission Appeal. We are called to be missionaries in all parts of the world and this is one way of supporting the Church. Thanks for your generosity.

Religious Education Dept. Youth Leadership; Awards

Oops, almost forgot to let our parish family know that in March Vicariate IV held a Youth Leadership Awards Banquet and three youth from our parish were honored. They received awards for service in the parish for Prayer and Worship and for Leadership in Community Life. Our three recipients were *Skylar and Sydney Jackson and Grace McGuire*.

Congratulations on their service to our parish and receiving the awards.

Parish Calendar

Monday, July 17

4:00 - 8:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH

Tuesday, July 18

9:00 AM - Bible Study - RRT

10:00 - 3:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH

Wednesday, July 19

11:00 AM—1:00 PM - Organ Lesson - CH

Thursday, July 20

10AM-4:00PM - Quilting Ladies - RD

4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH

6-8 PM - A.A. - RD

500 CLUB WINNERS

\$ 25.00

July 16, 2017

Kathy & Dave Paoli,

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Mass Intentions for the Week

- Mon. July 17**
 8:30 † **Jorge Galante, M.D.**
 By: Tom Nelson
- Tue. July 18**
 9:00 † **Jerry Tyler**
 By: Rev. George Omwando
- Wed. July 19**
 8:30 † **Wanda Orlowski**
 By: Evie Stockinger
- Fri. July 21**
 8:30 † **Johnnie Ernst**
 By: Evie Stockinger
- Sat. July 22**
 9:00 † **Richard Bongiorno, II**
 By: Christine Wedekind
 5:00 † **Ernesto Pineda**
 By: The Yee Family
- Sun. July 23**
 8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
 8:30 † **Frank Scola**
 By: Ministry of Care
 10:30 † **Joseph and Stacy Matuszek**
 By: Patricia Drott

Our Parish Stewardship St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



July 9, 2017	\$ 4,912.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 850.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
Amount Under Budget	\$ -1,546.00

Online donations can be made to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish at www.givecentral.org

Thanks for your continued financial support!

Today's Readings

- First Reading** — My word will achieve the end for which it was sent (Isaiah 55:10-11).
Psalm — The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest (Psalm 65).
Second Reading — We, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan within ourselves awaiting the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:18-23).
Gospel — Some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit (Matthew 13:1-23 [1-9]).

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Readings for the Week

- Monday: Ex 1:8-14, 22; Ps 124:1b-8; Mt 10:34 — 11:1
- Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15a; Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 11:20-24
- Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Ps 103:1b-4, 6-7; Mt 11:25-27
- Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105:1, 5, 8-9, 24-27; Mt 11:28-30
- Friday: Ex 11:10 — 12:14; Ps 116:12-13, 15, 16bc, 17-18; Mt 12:1-8
- Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136:1, 23-24, 10-15; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Tuesday: St. Camillus de Lellis
- Thursday: St. Apollinaris
- Friday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi
- Saturday: St. Mary Magdalene

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

JULY 23, 2017

5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Altar Servers		
Steve Legatzke	Miles Jackson	Michelle and Leslie Agbefe

Ministers of the Word

Paul Knight C. Wedekind	Valerie Jennings Thom Schouten	Terry Sullivan Bro. Kilikevics
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Ministers of the Eucharist

Dan Brown Chemetha Baker Brenda Fojtik Pat Koko	Kevin Kell Bill Cragg Kathy Mortell Marge Massarello Elaine Podraza Marjorie Fields	Diana Cameron Jeanne Visteen David Geffe Doris Brown Bill Holmes Pat Nelson
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1st & 2nd Readings for the Upcoming Sunday are offered. Their sole purpose is to help us all of us "receive" and "hear" the word of God.

**JULY 23, 2017 -
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

First Reading: Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19

The book of Wisdom was written about 50 years before Christ. In one lengthy section of this book, the author looks back to the wonderful things God did for the Jewish people during the exodus. In today's passage from that section, the author speaks directly to God with words of praise.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

We continue today to read from the eighth chapter of the letter to the Romans, in which Paul discusses the role of God's Spirit in our life. Today's brief reading gives us a remarkable insight into prayer.

Listen

Listen and attend with the ear of your heart.

—St. Benedict



Give Central allows our parish to provide its parishioners a safe and convenient way to make regular, automatic electronic contributions and can also be used for special events and other collections.

We understand that most transactions today are done electronically. We want to provide you with that same convenient option at church.

You can go directly to our website: www.stcatherinestlucy.org to be able to find the link to GiveCentral



**Bible Study -
Tuesdays 9:30 AM**

Please consider in joining us every Tuesday at 9:30 AM only for Bible Study at the Rectory. If you are trying to find answers to your daily life questions, or are willing to have an hour of peace and knowledge about our religion, please come. It is totally free.

**Communion &
Anointing of the Sick**

Please call the Rectory at 708-386-8077 to let us know if you or a member of your family is in need of the sacrament of anointing of the sick or would like to have Holy Communion brought to your house or nursing home or both.



**Praying for the
Sick In Our Parish**

Coletta Ali, Fr. John Carolan, Myriam Claude, Dorothy Cobb, Mary Cotter, Louis Dieguez, Raymond Doelker, Beverly Ellis, Anita Evenson, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, William Medor, Carlton Shanks, and Diane Ward

The name of your close relative will remain on this list for four weeks. After that, you will have to call us again to reinstate it into the list. If you wish to include a name of a sick member of your family here, please call Amanda at the rectory during office hours. Thank you.

Bequests

PLEASE consider remembering our parish in your will or trust. We have been blessed in the past by the generosity of so many parishioners and I am hopeful this will continue into the future.

—Father George

Remember a Loved One

"The Holy Mass would be of greater profit if people had it offered in their lifetime, rather than having it celebrated for the relief of their souls after death." -Pope Benedict XV

We have **weekday** Masses available in our 2017-2018 Mass Book. Please come to the Rectory for Masses. Remember your loved ones or any other special occasion.

27 W. Washington Blvd.
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708-386-5286



School News

The school office is open during the summer. The schedule is as follows: Mondays through Thursdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Do not hesitate to call or come in if there is anything you need.

Fruit of the World

The seed is the word of God.

The agricultural metaphors in all of today's readings give richness to the message that the word of God, cultivated in our hearts, bears much fruit in our lives.

Creation itself awaits the redemption of all, even as our bodies await the resurrection. Just as we will rejoice in the fulfillment of God's word, so will all of creation sing for joy in the Reign of God.

The word of God is effective and holy; it brings about exactly what it says. It is not futile or empty, but rich in meaning for those who hear and are healed. Those who hear the word of God and keep it will, with all creation, bear much fruit and sing for joy.

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Donut Day at Oak Park Farmer's Market –

Once again our parish will be selling donuts during the Farmer's Market at Pilgrim Congregational Church. Our sale date is Saturday, **August 5, 2017** from 7am-1pm. The annual donut sale is a very successful fund raiser for our parish. We need your assistance with the many tasks needed to sell the warm fresh donuts. Please consider volunteering for just a couple hours on that Saturday morning to help us reach our goal. If you can help or have any questions please see Jeanette Cannon or contact Pierre Priestley at p.priestley@att.net or 708-369-3347

Night At the Races—

Thursday, **August 24**, is the date for St. Catherine-St. Lucy's annual Night at the Races at **Hawthorne Racecourse**. Tickets are **\$35** each and include admission, the live racing program, and a delicious dinner buffet. Of course there is great camaraderie as well as and three from our group will get to ride in the starter car for one of the races!

Tickets will be on sale starting with the weekend of July 29-30 after Masses in the gathering area.

Want a ride? Need a ride? Please let us know.

Catholic Charities Backpack Drive

Help Catholic Charities get backpacks on the backs of needy children in your community!

Drop-off donations between:
July - August 14
1400 S. Austin Blvd.
Cicero, IL 60804

Suggested Donations:

- ..#New backpacks
- ..#Pens and pencils
- ..#Notebooks
- ..#Glue, scissors, and erasers
- ..#College-and-wide ruled paper
- ..#Rulers
- ..#Folders

Fall 2017 Vicariate Ministry of Care Training—

September 9 & September 23 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

A two session program designed for those preparing to become Ministers of Care in a parish/hospital setting.

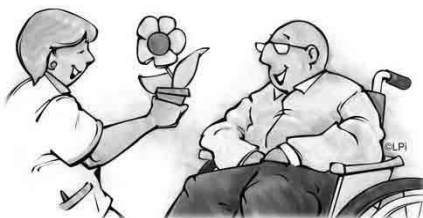
Franciscan Ministries

Village at Victory Lakes

1075 E. Victory Drive

Lindenhurst, IL 60046

Training will take place in the Great Room in the 1075 building



Session I: September 9

- ..# Introduction / Spirituality of Ministry of Care
- ..# Pastoral Listening Skills
- ..# Aging Dynamics: practical tips for Ministry

Session II: September 23

- ..# Theology of Suffering
- ..# Theology of Eucharist / Sacraments/ Prayer
- ..# Nuts and bolts:
 - ∞ Hygiene in a Health Care Setting (Nursing Educator)
 - ∞ Parish specifics
 - ∞ Ministerial practicum in HCC

To register please call or email:

Debbie Armenta, Pastoral Care Director 847-356-4523

or email: darmenta@franciscancommunities.com.

Please provide: Parish name, parish staff contact, parishioner attending and a contact phone number. Refreshments and lunch are provided. There is no charge for this training.

Backpacks will go directly to the children that attend our annual free community Health Fair at St. Frances of Rome on August 19. (see next page)

For information or for pick-up: call Esmeralda Zepeda at 708-329-4022 or ezepeda@catholiccharities.net

Thank you for supporting our children and community!

Change of Address

If your address has changed, it is very important that you notify us so we can have the correct information in our parish data system and to ensure you receive church envelopes. This also applies if lately you have made any changes like to your name, telephone number, e-mail addresses, status, etc. If you no longer wish to receive envelopes, please let us know too, so we can stop sending them. It takes about two months to complete the change.

Please call Amanda to the Rectory at 708-386-8077 during office hours or leave a message for her.

**Archdiocese of Chicago
Golden Wedding
Anniversary Mass**

The annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass for 2017 will be held on Sunday, September 17 at 2:45—5:00 p.m. at the Holy Name Cathedral, 730 North Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611. Cardinal Blase J. Cupich will preside over this special Mass where 500 couples will rejoice in their 50th wedding anniversary.

If you're married 50 years this year, or you were not able to come this past year and want to come next year, please keep this date free.

The online web registration is located here - <https://pvm.archchicago.org/lifelongformation/events/golden-wedding>

**Support Anti Violence
and Gun Control Bill**

A coalition of religious leaders from all faiths is launching a petition to ban assault weapons and pass HB5831, demanding that all guns are registered and titled just like cars.

This is a moment that God has called us to, to make a difference.

..# **Request handguns to be titled like cars.**

..# **Reinstate the ban on assault weapons – sign the petition at www.passthebill.us**

For more information call Saint Sabina at 773-483-4300.

Vigil

Solidarity prayer vigil for an end to human trafficking: July 29, 7 p.m., at Our Lady of the Woods Church, 10731 W. 131st St., Orland Park; for information, email htcmolw@gmail.com



Health Fair

**Saturday August 19, 2017
St. Frances of Rome School
1401 S. Austin Ave.
Cicero, IL 60804**

Registration 8am to 10:30am
Health Fair from 9am to 12pm
For More information call 708-222-1491

ZONA SANTUARIO — NO ID REQUIREMENTS

FREE: Medical Exams and Screenings

- Physical Exams for Children (back to School) and adults
- Children's immunizations (bring your shot records for each child)
- Lead Screenings
- Glaucoma Screenings
- Hepatitis Screenings
- Memory Screenings
- UIC Check Dental Van Exams
- Adult Screenings: Blood Pressure, Glucose
- Pregnancy Testing
- Confidential HIV Rapid Testing
- Private Conversation with domestic violence counselor available
- Referrals to Free and Reduced Fee Medical And Social Service Providers



Information also available on the following topics:

- Benefit Screening for public benefit
- ALLKIDS Application Assistance
- Eligibility (food stamps, TANF, etc)
- Immigration/Family Reunification
- Health Education Workshops
- Legal Services
- Know Your Rights Workshops
- Maternity Adoption Services

**Don't Forget To Recycle
In Our Parish Paper
Retriever**

When you come to Mass, bring your recyclable paper: Newspapers; Magazines; Mailings; Catalogs; Office Paper; School Paper. Help the earth.....help the parish!!

Summer Stewardship

A gentle reminder that our stewardship of our parish does not go on vacation! If you go on vacation or your plans keep you from being present here on the weekends, please try to "make up" your regular offering another weekend.